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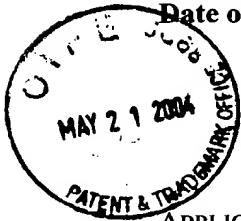
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PATENT APPLICATION

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time from the October 21, 2003, filing of the Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application. With the extension, this application is kept alive until May 21, 2004. A Request for a Continuation Patent Application claiming priority to the above-identified application is filed herewith. A check in the amount of \$1005.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-750 CON (Cura 250 CON). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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